I.C.P.O. Calendar

Mar 24 - Apr 01, 2005

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Islands, Castles & Portable Operations
Operations are listed by start date (Day/Month/Year)
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24/03/2005: Jose Gamboa, CO3VK (http://www.qsl.net/iz8ebi/co3vkINFO.htm) will be active March 24-28th as CO3VK/4 from La Juventud (NA-056). Jose will be working with the "Charangas de Bejucal" show (http://www.angerona.cult.cu/) team and plans to operate in his spare time on 20 and 40 metres SSB. QSL via IZ8EBI. Jose might be joined by other 2-3 operators, who will be signing homecall/4. [Tnx 425DXN]

24/03/2005: Look for DL2VFR/p and DA0GLH/p to be active March 24-28th (CW QRP) from the following lighthouses: Eckernf?rde - old beacon (ARLHS FED-074), Eckernf?rde - old pier (ARLHS FED-075) and Eckernf?rde - new pier (ARLHS FED-076, GLHA GLH-079). QSL via the bureau. [Tnx DL2VFR]

24/03/2005: On his way on his summer trip (FO5RN), to the north of the Pacific Ocean, the French Navy ship MS Prairial will stop, for some hours on Clipperton Island (IOTA NA-011, DIFO FO-001). It's a normal stop in connection with the French Navy to help the scientist Dr Jean Louis Etienne. So Vincent, FO5RN, will be QRV March 24th (from 0700 to 1200 local time [UTC - 9]) as FO0/F8UFT. He will be mainly on the UFT frequency 14045 CW. He will use batteries and will be active (about 5 hours) as long as they will be able to supply his IC706. QSL via F5NQL (bureau or direct SAE+Postage - 1 IRC preferred. - USD is 1 for EU and AF and 2 for elsewhere) [Tnx F5NQL]

24/03/2005: W1HPH, WE1H, KO1H and N1HRA will be active March 24-25th as homecall/VP9 from Bermuda (IOTA NA-005). They will also participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest (March 26-27th) as VP9I. QSL VP9I via N1HRA (for this contest only). QSL others via their home calls. [Tnx 425DXN]

24/03/2005: Rich, M5RIC, will be active from the Isle of Guernsey (IOTA EU-114) as MU5RIC/p March 24-28th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters SSB only and will include a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power T/S entry in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest (March 26-27th) as MU2Z. QSL both calls via M5RIC. [Tnx OPDX]

24/03/2005: Look for George SV1QN/8, Fotis SV1AIN/8, Manolis SV1EQU/8, Giannis SV1GYG/8 and Nikos SW1GYN/8 to be QRV from Skyros Island (EU-060) March 24-28th. This activation will also count for the Lithari lighthouse (references: TWLHD SV-055, ARLHS GRE-092 and WLOTA LH-2002). They plan to be active with three stations on 160-10 meter SSB and digital modes; 50.140 MHz SSB and 144.300 MHz SSB will be monitored for possible band openings. [Tnx 425DXN & OPDX]

24/03/2005: The Kangean Islands (OC-217) were activated for the first and so far only time by YB3SPS/p back in 1996. A new operation is being planned to take place in late March, CQ WW WPX SSB Contest included. Plans are to operate as YE3K (requested call) for 4-5 days with two stations at least; the main mode will be SSB, but some CW, RTTY and PSK

activity might take place before and after the contest. Team members include YB3HBK, YB9BU, YC0IEM, YC3BDJ, YC3BX, YC3CC, YC3DE, YC3DIK, YC3IZK, YC3MM, YC9WZJ, YD3OZ and IV3NCC. QSL via IZ8CCW (Antonio Cannataro, P.O.Box 360, 87100 Cosenza - CS, Italy). [Tnx 425DXN]

25/03/2005: Jean-Louis, F5NHJ, reports he will be QRV March 25th to April 2nd as FG/F5NHJ/P from Guadeloupe Island (IOTA NA-102, DIFO FG-001). Activity will be on 40-20 meter CW and SSB. QSL direct to home call. [Tnx 425DXN]

25/03/2005: Yoshi-san, JE2EHP, will be active as K1HP/KH6 from Oahu (IOTA OC-019, USI HI-008S) between March 25-28th. Activity will be on 80-6 meters, CW and SSB. QSL via the bureau to JE2EHP. [Tnx JE2EHP]

25/03/2005: Jurij, MM0DFV, will be QRV March 25th as MM0DFV/m from Isle of Mull (IOTA EU-008, IOSA NH-15, SCOTIA CN-10, CAOSA: AB - Argyll and Bute). Pertinent equipment available to this trip is Icom IC-706, vertical mobile antenna and CW keyer ETM-8C. He hopes to activate few NMs WAB areas on this island. Contacts will be carried out on 20 meter CW only. Please ask Jurij for the exact WAB square during the QSO. All QSL-cards for contacts with MM0DFV/m should be sent via RSGB QSL-Bureau or direct to P.O. Box 7469, Glasgow, G42 0YD, Scotland, U.K. [Tnx MM0DFV]

25/03/2005: Andrius, LY2TA, will be active as OH0Z in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest (March 26-27th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via OH5DX. He will be active otside of the contest as OH0/LY2TA between March 25-28th. QSL via home call. [Tnx OPDX]

26/03/2005: Brian, N6IZ, will be QRV March 26th to April 5th as 3D2IZ from Namotu Island (IOTA OC-121). Activity will be on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meters, CQ WW SSB Contest (March 26-27th) included. QSL direct to N6IZ (QRZ.com). [Tnx N6IZ]

26/03/2005: Patrick, F5MQW, will be active March 26th as F5MQW/p from the following castle and mill references: (1) reactivate the Castle of Vx Montsalier (DFCF 04-030), Montsalier (04-150, DDCF 0403) and Mill n? 1 of Vx Montsalier (DMF 04-005). (2) reactivate the Simiane Castle (DFCF 04-031), Simiane (04-150) and Mill n? 1 of Simiane (DMF 04-006). (3) activate the Mills n? 2 (DMF 04-007) and n? 3 (DMF 04-008) of Simiane (04-150) n? 3 (DMF 04-008) of Simiane (04-150) and Mill n? 2 of Vx Montsalier (DMF 04-009, DDCF 0403), Montsalieer (04-150). QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx F5PRR]

26/03/2005: On Easter week end starting March 26th, in the morning, and ending March 28th, in the evening, look for the French Guiana guys to be active. In Cayenne area from the Fort Ceperou, FY5KAC ARS will be aired on HF SSB, CW and maybe PSK. They hope to have 2 stations operational. The activity is also valid for the French Forts and Castles award (DFCF reference FY-002). QSL via the REF French bureau or direct (SAE+Postage) to A.R.C.G. (Association Radio Club Guyane) BP 9271 97392 Cayenne cedex. [Tnx F5NQL]

26/03/2005: Operators IK8HCG, IZ8DFO, IZ8FBU and IZ8GCB will be active as IG9R from Lampedusa Island (IOTA AF-019, IIA AG-001, MIA MI-126) during the next CQWW SSB Contest as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via IK8HCG. [Tnx OPDX]

26/03/2005: Look for IT9AAK/p and IT9VCE/p to be active March 26th from a new DCI (Italian castle) reference located in the Region of Sicilia (Sicily), Province of Trapani (TP). QSL via home calls, direct or through the bureau. [Tnx IT9AAK]

26/03/2005: Leo, W3LEO, will be active during the CQ WPX SSB Contest (26-27 March) as MM0LEO from Portpatrick, Scotland (IOTA EU-005). QSL via W3LEO, direct or bureau. [Tnx 425DXN]

26/03/2005: Helmut, PJ2/DF7ZS, and Wolfgang, PJ2/DK9VZ, will be active from Signal Point, Curacao (SA-006) as PJ2T (QSL via N9AG) in the CQWW SSB Contest as a Multi/Single entry. After the contest they will be active as PJ2/homecalls. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx DXNL]

26/03/2005: Stelios, SV9FBM, will be active from Crete (IOTA EU-015, MIA MGC-005) in the upcoming CQ WW WPX SSB Contest (March 26-27th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via his home callsign. [Tnx OPDX]

26/03/2005: Operators F5VJK, F8ADY, G6PWS and G7TWC will be active in the CQ WPX SSB Contest (26-27 March) as TM8B. QTH: JN05RP, Canton: DDCF87-026. QSL via F8ADY. [Tnx F8REF]

27/03/2005: Look for OZ/DJ4MG and OZ/DL1TM to be active from Vendsyssel-Thy (EU-171) from March 27th to April 14th. They plan to operate on 160, 80, 40, 20 and 15 meter SSB and on 40/20 meter PSK31. QSL via bureau to home calls. [Tnx 425DXN]

28/03/2005: The Belgian Lightship Westhinder II (ARLHS reference BEL-003) will be activated on Monday 28th of March and on Tuesday 29th of March with the special prefix OO4BRN/LGT on the occasion of the 175th anniversary of Belgium. Look for activity on all bands between 09:00 UTC and 16:00 UTC (opening hours of the museumship) CW and SSB. QSL via ON4BRN, direct or bureau. [Tnx ON4CBM]

29/03/2005: DL5CW/p will be QRV March 29th to April 1st from Usedom Island (IOTA EU-129, GIA O-13). QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx 425DXN]

30/03/2005: Enrique XE1IH, Javier XE1KOF, Mucio XE1VC, Juan Jose XE1XNH, Erika XE1XOX, David XE1XTK, Jose Luis XE1YJL, Alfonso XE1ZAO and Javier XE1ZJR will operate all bands and modes as XF2ZEX from Sacrificios Island (IOTA NA-224) and lighthouse (ARLHS MEX-145, WLOTA LH-1609) between March 30th and April 3rd. QSL via IT9EJW, direct (Alfio Bonanno, P.O. Box 18, 95028 Valverde - CT, Italy) or bureau. [Tnx 425DXN]

31/03/2005: Mike, RW1AI, will be on the air as R1ANT from the Russian research base Mirny (WABA UA-07, WAP RUS-07), located on the Mirny Peninsula, Queen Mary Coast (IOTA AN-016), between the end of March 2005 and the end of March 2006. [Tnx DXNL]

31/03/2005: Ed, WA3WSJ, will be heading down to Atlanticon (QRP Conference), in Maryland, so he decided to activate a few lighthouses too. Look for Ed to activate Turkey Point Lighthouse (ARLHS USA-857) on Thursday, March 31st. QSL via home call, direct preferred, bureau OK. [Tnx WA3WSJ]

01/04/2005: Rene, DF9GR, will be QRV April 1-15, 2005, as CP6/DF9GR from the south of Bolivia. Activity will be mainly in CW, RTTY and PSK on 80-10m. QSL via DF9GR, bureau ok. [Tnx DXNL]

01/04/2005: Ed, WA3WSJ/p, will be active April 1st from the Concord Point Lighthouse (ARLHS USA-186) in Harve de Grace, MD. QSL via home call, direct preferred, bureau OK. [Tnx WA3WSJ]

01/04/2005: Paul, K4UJ, will be active from Grand Cayman island (IOTA NA-016) as ZF2UJ, April 1-9th. Activity will primarily be on: 80m-CW, 40m-CW, 20m-CW/SSB, 17m-CW/SSB, 12m-CW/SSB and 10m-CW/SSB. He will only use 100 watts into a wire antenna on the north side of the island. QSL via his home callsign. [Tnx OPDX]

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LOOKING AHEAD -

14/06/2005: An expedition will leave the Orkney Islands on June 11th arriving in the area of Rockall Island (IOTA GM EU-New!) around June 14th and remaining there until June 21st. It will include an amateur radio team led by Dave Wood MM0ALM, assisted by well-known and experienced island activator Seamus (Jim) Cameron MM0CWJ from the Hebrides. They will rely on a member of the SAS to get them onto the rock from an inflatable and hope to put up a small tent on a tiny ledge a few metres square. They will use the call MS0IRC/p and operation will be primarily SSB (all bands, as appropriate). QSL via G0HXN. [Tnx GM3VLB]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

14/03/2005: Thousandths QSO VHF of Artois in Pas-de-Calais For 1000 2nd QSO VHF of Artois (created in March 1983), special call TM1MIL was allotted for the period from the 14 to March 28. Three strong times ago of the activity: - the first, Friday March 25 at 9 p.m. on the relay of Montcornet (145.087,5khz/145.687,5khz) at the time of the weekly QSO which will be exceptionally animated by F5HKL Andr? and some of the old PCT since 20 years. - the second, Saturday 26, Sunday 27 and Monday March 28, it is the weekend of Easter and it is the trophy in the honor of our regretted friendly Jacques F2KZ, in VHF, UHF and SHF. The contact with TM1MIL will bring back 10 points. - the third, Sunday March 27 during the 3rd secondhand trade of the ARA-62 which will be held in Lillers, and during which two stations will be active, one in decaf and the other in VHF. Apart from these three great moments, TM1MIL could be sometimes contacted in decaf, but it will be exceptional and especially before QSO VHF of Friday March 25. That it is said and are numerous on the log of TM1MIL. QSL via F5TPA by the bureau. If you are not adherent Ref.-Union and/or if you wish to receive the QSL on line, to envisage a freed envelope carrying your address, to send to the QSL-manager of operation F5TPA Manfred Emonts-Holley (its address is in the nomenclature or to the 3614 Amat). Information on the site of the ARA-62: www.ara62.org. [Tnx ARA-62]

24/03/2005: Special call VC3A is currently being aired (since March 5th) and will be used during the CQ WPX SSB Contest (March 26-27th). QSL via VE3AT (Ron Vander Kraats, 9 Jopling Avenue South, Islington, ON M9B 3P4, Canada) or via the bureau. [Tnx VE3AT]

05/05/2005: CF3VEDAY is the call sign of an Amateur Radio special event station operating under the authority of the Canadian Government from May 5 to May 11, 2005, inclusive. Holder of the call is Robert Cooke, VE3BDB. The call was kindly issued by the Amateur Radio Service Centre of Industry Canada and we extend sincere thanks to Jim Dean, VE3IQ, Vice President Regulatory Affairs Radio Amateurs of Canada for assisting in its issue.

The purpose of the station is to mark the official opening of the new Canadian War Museum in Ottawa, the national capital of Canada, on May 8, 2005, and coincidentally, the 60th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day -- VE Day -- which, on May 8, 1945, officially ended the Second World War in Europe.
What's more, the year 2005 has been declared Year of the Veteran by the Canadian government. The sacrifice and determination of Canada's WW II veterans is hereby being recognized and applauded. The station is operated by members of The Wireless Set No. 19 Group, a Canada-based world-wide group of Radio Amateurs who collect, restore and/or operate vintage military communications gear.
This website [www.qsl.net/vc3vday] will compliment the CF3VEDAY station by providing information about station operation, including times, frequencies and names of operators.
The month of May will see the official opening of the new Canadian War Museum and this station will also conduct on-air activities from Ottawa to mark that event, using vintage military equipment.
Amateur Radio operators are encouraged to invite a veteran into their shacks to allow contact with other veterans and to have contact with CF3VEDAY during its brief existence. They may even hear the "chirp" of a WS#19, renewing old memories for some.
Radio Amateurs could also consider inviting young people in to view and use their radio equipment, to learn more about the stellar contribution of Canada's war veterans and to demonstrate what Amateur Radio is all about. This in itself could be a valuable history lesson to those persons under 65 who have no memory of, or appreciation for, the historic contributions of Canadians during a bitter fight against tyranny on the sea, on the land and in the air.
We will be offering an original, colourful QSL card to all Amateur Radio stations that contact and send a QSL card to CF3VEDAY, as well as to SWLs who hear the station and who submit a full reception report. Please read the QSL/SWL report information: www.qsl.net/vc3vday/
Please visit the CF3VEDAY website for full details: www.qsl.net/vc3vday/
[Tnx VE3BDB]

01/07/2005: Authority has been granted to Ron Essex, VE7RLE, on behalf of the Shuswap Amateur Radio Club to use the special event call sign VA7C between July 1 and July 31, 2005, to commemorate the Centennial of the City of Salmon Arm in July, 2005. Ron Essex VE7RLE, 3691 - 65th Avenue N.W., Salmon Arm, BC V1E 3A5, Canada. [Tnx RAC]
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73 and Good Hunting!
Dave Raycroft - VA3RJ
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